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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE FOR US DELEGATION TO CONSULTATIVE MEETING  
OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 24-25.

REF: (A) USUN 403; (B) ROME 2029

1. FOLLOWING SUGGESTED GUIDANCE FOR US DEL TO SUBJECT  
INFORMAL MEETING:

2. IN OUR VIEW, AGENDA ITEM THREE QTE CONSIDERATION OF  
THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE WORLD  
FOOD COUNCIL UNQTE IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT OF FIVE ITEMS.  
WE NOTE PARA. 4, REFTL (B) STATES VIEW OF HANNAH THAT  
AGENDA IDEAS QTE WOULD BE ONLY SUGGESTIONS AND THE COUNCIL  
WOULD DETERMINE ITS OWN AGENDA. UNQTE GIVEN STILL VERY  
PRELIMINARY NATURE OF US VIEWS ON SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA FOR  
FIRST MEETING OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL WE FULLY AGREE  
WITH THIS APPROACH. USDEL SHOULD THEREFORE MAKE CLEAR IN  
DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM THAT OUR SUGGESTIONS ARE ONLY TEN-  
TATIVE IDEAS PENDING LATER REVIEW OF AGENDA.

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3. ITEM 1. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 6 OF GA RESOLUTION 3348 (XXIX) SEEM TO REQUIRE SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT BY PARTICIPANTS IN THE INFORMAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL. WE ASSUME IN REGARD TO PARA. 6, FOR INSTANCE, THAT FAO REPRESENTATIVE WILL GIVE COMPLETE RUNDOWN ON INTERIM MEASURES UNDERTAKEN BY HIS ORGANIZATION TO IMPLEMENT WFC RESOLUTIONS. THESE WOULD INCLUDE ORGANIZATIONAL

AND FINANCIAL MATTERS AS WELL AS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, PARTICULARLY THOSE INVOLVED IN IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY. IN REGARD TO PARA. 4, USDEL SHOULD REPORT IN POSITIVE TERMS ON THE AD HOC MEETING ON GRAIN RESERVES HELD IN LONDON FEBRUARY 10-11. PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO IMPLEMENT PARA 3 OF WFC RESOLUTION 17 WHICH INVITED GOVERNMENTS OF ALL MAJOR FOOD PRODUCING, CONSUMING AND TRADING COUNTRIES TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH A VIEW TO ACCELERATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THE FAO UNDERTAKING ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY. THE MEETING WAS SUCCESSFUL IN CONTRIBUTING TO GREATER UNDERSTANDING ON THE NEED FOR AN EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL RESERVES SYSTEM AND CONVERGENCE OF VIEWS ON ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF SUCH A SCHEME. IT ALSO HIGHLIGHTED AREAS WHERE FURTHER TECHNICAL WORK MIGHT USEFULLY BE CARRIED OUT. IT IS EXPECTED THAT SUCH TECHNICAL WORK WILL MOVE FORWARD IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THOSE PRESENT AT THE MEETING INCLUDED: CANADA, ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL, EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, EGYPT, JAPAN, THAILAND, USSR AND THE UNITED STATES PLUS OBSERVERS FROM EIGHT EC MEMBER STATES.

4. ITEM 2: WE HAVE NO OBJECTION AT THIS EARLY STAGE TO PROPOSED DATE OF JUNE 23, 1975.

5. ITEM 3: TAKING INTO ACCOUNT CAVEATS MENTIONED IN PARA. 2, USDEL SHOULD SUGGEST FOLLOWING THREE POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION WHEN COUNCIL MEETS TO DRAW UP ITS AGENDA. WE BELIEVE THESE POINTS COMPLY WITH HANNAH'S ADMONITION THAT AGENDA FOCUS ON QUOTE CRITICAL PROBLEMS UNQUOTE.

(A) REVIEW PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF GA RESOLUTION 3348 (XXIX) OF 17 DECEMBER 1974. (BY LATE JUNE IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DRAW UP A BALANCE SHEET OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THIS AREA).

(B) CONSIDER OUTLOOK FOR WORLD FOOD PRODUCTION (WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTICULAR REGARD FOR LIKELY EXPORTERS' SURPLUSES VERSUS REQUIREMENTS OF DEFICIT COUNTRIES).

(C) EXPLORE APPLICABILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING AND INTRODUCING LONGER-RANGE FOOD PRODUCTION TARGETS AS A BASIS FOR MEASURING PROGRESS OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS.

6. ITEM 4: INFORMAL CONSULTATION OBVIOUSLY NOT EQUIPPED

DRAFT WFC RULES OF PROCEDURE. THEREFORE, SUGGEST SECRETARIAT BE ASKED PREPARE SUGGESTIONS FOR REVIEW AND DECISION IN FIRST COUNCIL SESSION IN JUNE. ON MATTERS SUCH AS FREQUENCY AND DURATION OF SESSIONS, TIME MINISTERS ABLE TO DEVOTE MAY BE CONTROLLING FACTOR. MEETING TWICE

YEARLY FOR THREE, OR AT MAXIMUM FIVE, DAYS MAY PROVE FEASIBLE. WOULD ASSUME SUCH MEETINGS NORMALLY WOULD BE IN ROME WHERE SECRETARIAT LOCATED. WITH REGARD LATTER, OUR VIEWS AS SET FORTH STATE 11502 APPLY. WITH REGARD TO PRESIDENCY OF COUNCIL, RESOLUTION CALLS FOR ELECTION ON QTE BASIS OF GEOGRAPHIC ROTATION. UNQUOTE. WHILE SUPPORTING ROTATION, WE WOULD ENTERTAIN HAVING PRESIDENT SERVE FOR PERHAPS TWO YEAR PERIOD IN ORDER GIVE CONTINUITY TO DIRECTION COUNCIL.

7. ITEM 5: AT THIS TIME, WE ARE UNABLE TO JUDGE WHETHER FURTHER INFORMAL CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS MAY BE NEEDED BEFORE COUNCIL CONVENES OFFICIALLY IN JUNE, BUT WE DO NOT WISH TO FORECLOSE POSSIBILITY. KISSINGER

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